

Finland

	PO	FL	FR	EU	Best %	Last %	Government
Liik	X			X	2.3 (2019)	2.3 (2019)	
PS	X		X	X	19.1 (2011)	17.5 (2019)	2015-2017
VAS		X		X	11.2 (1995)	8.2 (2019)	1995-1999 1999-2003 2011-2014 2019-present

Parties represented in parliament:

Liike Nyt (Movement Now, Liik) was founded in 2018 by Hjallis Harkimo, politician and celebrity businessman, together with several other people. The party obtained one seat in parliament, which was taken up by Hjallis Harkimo. The party is in favour of participatory democracy, attacks elites for being out of touch with the people, and criticises the EU. Although the party is neither far left nor far right, it can be classified as populist.

Perussuomalaiset (Finns Party [formerly known as the True Finns], PS) was founded in 1995 by Timo Soini and several others as a successor to the populist Finnish Rural Party. The party slowly became more popular with voters, peaking at 19.1% of the vote in 2011. In 2015 PS joined a government coalition with the Center Party and the National Coalition party. Up till this moment, the PS could be classified as populist and borderline far right due to its relatively moderate anti-immigration stances compared to many other far right parties. However, when the more outspoken Jussi Halla-aho became the new party leader in 2017, the prime minister declared that he could not continue a coalition with a party with Halla-aho as its leader. As a result, 20 MPs (including Soini) split off and formed a new party (Blue Reform, SIN). Given these developments, 2017 is the year in which our categorization of the party changes from borderline far right to far right.

Vasemmistoliitto (Left Alliance, VAS) was founded in 1990 as a successor to the main communist party in Finland. Already from the outset, it held a particular position within the radical left party family as it was and still is relatively green and progressive, and has a lot of government experience. The party presented itself as a 'third left' party, focusing on issues like environmentalism and feminism. As a result, VAS could be conceived of as one of the most moderate left-wing parties outside the mainstream left in Europe. We therefore classify the party as borderline far left. The VAS has a relatively stable voter base of slightly less than 10% of the electorate.